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DAYTON, Ohio, April 18, 1973 --- The appointment of a new chairman for the Department of Philosophy, and the reappointment of the chairman of the Communication Arts Department were confirmed by Father Raymond Roesch, President of the University of Dayton April 17, 1973.

Dr. Raymond Herbenick has been chosen to serve as the new Chairman of the Philosophy Department, for a four year period beginning July 1, 1973 to June of 1977. Father Roesch made the appointment based upon the recommendations of the faculty search committee and consultations with other deans, chairmen, and heads of various University offices.

Dr. Herbenick received his B.A. degree in Philosophy from Duquesne University; his M.A. from DePaul University; and his Ph.D. in 1968 from Georgetown University. He came to U.D. the same year, and was promoted to Assistant Professor in August of 1968.

Dr. Richard Baker, who has served as Chairman of the Philosophy Department since 1964, plans to continue teaching at the University after he steps down. In welcoming the new chairman, Dr. Baker said, "The committee spent considerable time selecting Dr. Herbenick. It is time for a young and energetic man, like Dr. Herbenick, to bring his new ideas to the department."

The University through Father Roesch expressed its thanks to those dedicated professors who were willing to serve as chairman when the request was made for candidates, and to Dr. Baker, Father Matthew Kohmescher, Dr. Gonzalo Cartagena, Dr. Joseph Kunkel, and Dr. Xavier Monasterio for serving on the search committee.

Mr. George Biersack has been reappointed by Fr. Roesch to continue as Chairman of the Communication Arts Department for another four years. He has been Chairman of the department since 1964. A U.D. alumnus of 1952, Biersack received his M.A. in Broadcasting from Miami University in 1956. He began teaching at U.D. in 1952, became an Associate Professor in 1961, and was appointed Chairman of the Department of Speech in 1963. Other capacities in which he serves include director of U.D.'s closed circuit television, and director of WVUD-FM radio station.

Concerning his department, Biersack notes, "We continue to grow despite decreasing enrollments. We had 14 majors nine years ago, now we have 310. This has been the best year yet for our students: three Edison Fellowship grants for journalism, a number of graduate assistantships, and six newspaper internships this summer."